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a memory for storing the quantization tables;
a counter for calculating the first number of bits;
and

A a bus for connecting said DCT unit, said
quantization unit, said vector unit, said processor, said
memory, and said counter together.

41. A digital still camera according to Claim 40,
wherein said processor calculates the basic compression factor
and estimates the gain factor under control of a program
stored in said memory.

REMARKS

It is believed that all of the claims are patentable
over the prior art. For better readability and the Examiner's
convenience, the newly submitted claims differ from the
translated counterpart claims which are being canceled. The
newly submitted claims do not represent changes or amendments
that narrow the claim scope for any reason related to the
statutory requirements for patentability. Accordingly, after
the Examiner completes a thorough examination and finds the
claims patentable, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully
requested in due course. Should the Examiner determine any
minor informalities that need to be addressed, he is
encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the
telephone number below.

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